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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 3761

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Thorsten Bechert et al.
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ABSORBING BODY FLUID
Confirmation No.: 3450
Examiner: Jacqueline F. Stephens
Docket No.: 36403

AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 1.116

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Sir:

The three-month period for responding to the Office action of September 11, 2006 expired on December 11, 2006. Applicants respectfully request and petition that the response period be extended by two months until February 11, 2007. The extension of time fee in the amount of \$450.00 is being charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0820 at the time of this electronic submission.

Responsive to the Office communication dated September 11, 2006, applicants' respond as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.